



2017 JUNE CALENDAR

ERVING STATE FOREST

Park Interpreter: Natasha

Park Phone Number: (978) 544-3939

Contact Station located at: 122 Long Pond Road, Warwick, MA 01378

All programs are free and open to the public; however, the daily parking fee is \$8 for MA vehicles and \$10 for non-MA vehicles.

Programs subject to change. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The **Erving SF Nature Center** is on Camp Road between Campsites 17 and 18. The **Beachfront Interpreter Table** is located opposite the beachfront bike rack (follow the footprints from the Lifeguard Shack!).

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/erving-state-forest.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <u>Mobile Nature Center</u> 10:30 – 12 noon <u>Mucking About</u> 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	2 <u>Creature Comforts</u> 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. <u>Nature Center Open House</u> 4:30 – 6:30 <u>Friday Night Flights</u> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	3 <u>Mucking About</u> 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. <u>Laurel Loop Hike</u> 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. <u>Nature Center Open House</u> 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. <u>Campfire Tales: Secrets of Erving</u> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
4 <u>KIDleidoscope</u> 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. <u>Laurel Loop Hike</u> 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. <u>Mobile Nature Center</u> 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8 <u>Mobile Nature Center</u> 10:30 – 12 noon <u>Mucking About</u> 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	9 <u>Creature Comforts</u> 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. <u>Nature Center Open House</u> 4:30 – 6:30 <u>Friday Night Flights</u> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	10 <u>Mucking About</u> 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. <u>Laurel Loop Hike</u> 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. <u>Nature Center Open House</u> 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. <u>Campfire Tales: Secrets of Erving</u> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Nature Center Open House	Would you be interested in seeing a dinosaur footprint, touching a beaver pelt, or learning about tree rings? Join the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center to do these and more! Come examine insects up close, complete an orienteering scavenger hunt, play games, and make your own campground journal to document your visit. There are many activities, crafts, and games for all ages. Bring your curiosity, excitement, and questions! All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
KIDleidoscope	Join the Park Interpreter for an interactive story time! Meet at the Nature Center for this one hour program that includes a themed story, outdoor activity, and craft. This educational program is designed for children ages 3 to 7, but older siblings are encouraged to join. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Campfire Tales: Secrets of Erving	Did you know a man lived in a stone “castle” in Erving State Forest? Have you seen the Beaver Lodges by Laurel Lake? Join the Park Interpreter next to the Nature Center for campfire story time! You will learn about fire safety, hear stories of secret spots in the park, and play campfire games. Everyone is invited to join in the fun! Make sure to wear suitable clothing and bring your flashlight. Don’t forget to bring your ingredients for s’mores! All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Creature Comforts	Do you love to learn about animals? Join the Park Interpreter at the Beachfront Interpreter Table to learn about wildlife found in Erving State Forest. Each week we will focus on a different animal. This program is suitable for children over the age of 5. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Mucking About	Come take a peek under the surface! Meet the Park Interpreter at the Beachfront Interpreter Table to explore the bugs, tadpoles, and other water creatures of Laurel Lake. We’ll use nets and buckets to catch (and release) some cool critters. This program is suitable for all ages. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Bring insect repellent, a water bottle, and sunscreen as needed. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Mobile Nature Center	The Nature Center is coming to you! The Park Interpreter will be stationed at the Beachfront Interpreter Table each week. You can learn about animal tracks, examine fossils and rocks, take a close look at insects, and more. You'll be able to ask questions and learn about nature in Erving State Forest, all while beachside at Laurel Lake. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult
Friday Night Flights	Meet the Park Interpreter in the field across from the Nature Center for some activities before bed. We'll play games to learn about the owls and bats that live in the park, plus catch (and release) some fireflies! All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult, but feel free to relax on the picnic tables in the field while we run around. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. It is recommended that you bring insect repellent, a water bottle, and a flashlight or headlamp.
Laurel Loop Hike	There's so much to see on the Laurel Loop trail! Meet at the Contact Station near the daytime parking lot. The Park Interpreter will take a leisurely pace to complete this short hike in about 1 hour. We will follow a stream, ascend some gradual steps, and rest at the top to admire the view. The ending stroll takes us through shaded woods, completing the loop back to the parking lot. Come enjoy the seas of mountain laurel and bird songs, while learning about Erving State Forest. This hike is suitable for all ages capable of completing a moderate hike, with a few steep spots. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Bring insect repellent, water, and sunscreen as needed. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Tour of Beaver Lodge	Have you visited the park's beaver residents yet? The Park Interpreter will lead a guided hike through the forest by Laurel Lake where beavers and other animals live. You will learn about beavers, the different habitats along Laurel Lake, and how the animals all play special roles in those habitats. The hike will begin at the Salem State College Nature Trail by the Nature Center . We will take a comfortable pace, completing the estimated 1.5 mile hike in about 1.5 hours, with rest stops at some of the beaver lodges. Although the trail is relatively level, there are a few steeper inclines and areas with inconsistent surfaces and slippery spots. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Please bring plenty of water, plus insect repellent and sunscreen as needed. Let's go see some wildlife!